

## STREAMS TURN TO RAGING TORRENTS

Great Masses of Snow Melt and Railway Tracks are Washed Away.

WINNIPEG.—Special.—Two washouts cut the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad in the Rocky Mountains, and there probably will be no through trains from the Pacific coast until the middle of next week. The washouts at Revelstoke and Glacier are so serious that it is impossible to transfer passengers. Great masses of snow and ice melted, owing to the sudden hot weather, and the swollen streams turned into raging torrents.

### Conditions Improve.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Special.—Fair weather which prevailed over practically all of Louisiana, Mississippi and Southwest Alabama Friday gave an opportunity for repairs of railroad tracks which had suffered seriously from the effect of torrential rains occurring within the past few days. Conditions in these sections are materially improved, but the crop damage over a large area represents almost a total loss.

### Floods in Wyoming.

DOUGLAS, WYO.—Special.—One life has been lost and heavy property damage has been caused by floods in the North Platte River and its tributaries. The North Platte is at record flood stage and continues to rise at the rate of half an inch an hour. Bridges have been carried away and roads in many places are impassable. From all sections come reports of irrigation ditches being wrecked by floods and great damage in this respect has been done. Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds of cement stored in a warehouse of the La Prele Ditch and Reservoir Company were destroyed by water.

Ben Wiederaner, his sister and her four-year-old child were precipitated into La Bente Creek near the Esnay ranch by the breaking of the bridge and the child was drowned. The horses and wagon in which they were riding were swept away by the torrent and the animals drowned.

## DUNCAN COOPER HEIR TO FORTUNE

Slayer of Senator Carmack to Get Slice of \$300,000 Estate Left by Brother.

NEW YORK.—Special.—Duncan B. Cooper, who, with his son, Robin J., was convicted of the murder of the ex-Senator E. W. Carmack, in Nashville, Tenn., is one of the heirs of the residuary estate of his brother, Judge William F. Cooper.

The contents of the will appeared yesterday when Edmund Cooper, the executor, applied at the surrogate's office in this county for ancillary letters testamentary.

Judge Cooper, who had for a good many years lived in this city, died on May 11. His estate is valued at more than \$300,000, consisting largely in United States bonds.

To old negroes who were once slaves on the Cooper plantation, G. T. Coit, Elbridge Cooper, and his wife, and Booker Cooper, he leaves annuities of \$200 each. Some of these had been supported by yearly gifts from the judge for a good many years.

The residue goes to five sisters and three brothers and the children of a deceased sister, share and share alike. Judge Cooper had for years before his death been very kind and generous toward the members of his family in the South. The Civil War swept away the Cooper fortunes. The thousands of acres owned by them passed into other hands, and the family and the hundreds of negroes owned by them scattered through the South.

William F. Cooper started the practice of law, and for many years was chancellor in Tennessee, and later served on the Supreme Court bench of that State. He moved to New York in 1899 at the age of seventy years. He made it a practice to send his brothers and sisters who had been less fortunate quarterly allowances.

It is one of the pleasures of my life to send them," he used to say, "and finally it will be all theirs."

## HARD TO PLACATE REPUBLICAN PROGRESSIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special.—Senator Aldrich, it was said Friday, has not been as successful in placating the progressives as when he had charge of the Dingley bill twelve years ago. Then he had less than a "dozen to see," while this time there are some eighteen Republicans interested in local items, and one or two of the progressives are members of the Finance Committee. It is because of this condition and the further fact that Senator Aldrich desires the bill to receive the full Republican vote on its passage that he has made haste slowly.

Porto Rico Bill Opposed. Anticipating that there will be some opposition to the Porto Rico bill in the Senate, the House leaders are anxious to get the bill passed and over to the Senate without further delay.

The Porto Rico bill must be signed by the President by June 30th, and all absent were wired today, asking them to be present by Monday next when an effort will be made to put the bill through the House. If a quorum does not appear leaves of absence will be revoked and the absent members may be disciplined.

Suspicious of Cotton Schedules. There is a growing suspicion in the minds of some Senators who belong to the Aldrich organization that there is something wrong with the cotton goods schedule of the tariff bill.

No section of the measure has been so vigorously attacked as this one and the progressives, who are headed by Senators Dooliver and La Follette, are beginning to make an impression, although it is not likely they will be able to obtain any modifications.

## TIMBER FIRES ARE RAGING IN MANITOBA

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Special.—Terrible timber fires are raging today in several parts of Western Canada. Along the principal branch of the Canadian Northern Railroad, the fire extends a hundred miles, and it is feared that many lives may be lost in the farming settlements. A four span bridge was destroyed.

A passenger train went through a furnace of fire and the windows became so hot that the passengers could not stand. A twenty-mile gale is fanning the flames. Forest fires prevail in the Gun Flint

section of the Duluth extension, a railway running out of Port Arthur toward Duluth. Bridges are burned, but hundreds of men are fighting the flames to prevent them from reaching the settlements.

A dispatch from Fernie tells of serious floods in that town. Elk River overflowed its banks in several places.

The flood also burst booms of logs owned by the Elk Lumber Company. The 200 passenger trains were held here all day on account of the damage done to the bridge crossing the river at Elko. At Coal Creek several children are missing.

## LEAPS INTO FALLS

TO SAVE HIS WIFE

Buffalo Man Makes Desperate but Futile Effort to Rescue Woman Who Harled Herself Into Cataract.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—Special.—Louis Cohen, of Buffalo, saw his young wife leap into the swirling river between Second and Third Sister Islands at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, only 150 feet above the brink of the cataract. Without a moment's hesitation he followed and struggled to save her.

She probably died in his arms. Before it was possible to bring efficient help and hour had passed, during all of which Cohen was making frantic attempts to reach the shore. The current at this point is about twenty miles an hour. But fortune aided him. With his wife tightly clasped to him he felt himself bump into a grounded tree stump, and on this he got a grip with his one free hand. It was nearly an hour after Mrs. Cohen jumped into the river when a police officer, James Martin, arrived with ropes, and Representative James S. Simons and three other men.

Too Weak to Grasp Rope. Three times they threw the rope before it fell within Cohen's grasp, and then he was too weak to tie it about his own or his wife's waist.

The two were twenty feet from shore, and it was difficult to make a good cast. Cohen had been unable to keep his wife's face above water.

Once Cohen had hold of the rope and the men on shore began to pull. When within fifteen feet of the shore Cohen lost his grip on his wife's body and it was carried down stream and lost to view.

When Cohen got on shore he could not speak for ten minutes. His first words were "She is out there. Go and get her. She is dead. She died in my arms."

At last two searchers spied Mrs. Cohen's body, held fast by a rock, about 100 feet above the brink. It was with the greatest difficulty that the two men brought the body to land. Life was extinct.

Cohen says that worry over the fact that she was unable to care for her infant depressed his wife greatly, and probably caused her desire for death. He is robust and quickly recovered from the shock of his experience.

## WILL ADJUST RATE

OF L. & N. RAILROAD

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—The Corporation Commission, on June 8th, will take up the matter of adjusting the passenger rates of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, which has sixty-eight miles of track in this State.

This road at present charges three cents a mile, and in addition to this, exacts 23.1-3 per cent. more from travelers who pay on the trains instead of buying their tickets at the regular stations. For this excess no drawback is given.

The Louisville and Nashville has been consistently defiant in its attitude towards the commission—that is to say, it never consented to the reduced rates prescribed by the order entered about two years ago and later refused to be a party to the two-cent compromise pending the litigation in the United States courts.

## BREWERS WOULD KNOCK

OUT ALL LOW DIVES

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Special.—Eastern and Western brewers have made a compact whereby they hope to be able to put the low dives out of business.

Hereafter brewers will refuse to sell beer to persons whose places are under the ban of other brewers.

This agreement was reached at the United States Brewers Association Convention here yesterday. H. B. Schumann, of New York, in a talk before the convention declared the brewers were only 28 per cent. to blame for all the trouble caused by drink, while the whiskey dealers were responsible for the other 72 per cent. He declared the whiskey dealers favored prohibition, because where there was prohibition they sold more of their product than under general license conditions.

The following officers were elected for the following year: President, Carl Hostet, of Columbus; First Vice President, Jacob Ruppert, of New York; Second Vice President, M. Hanna, of Cleveland; Third Vice President, Edward A. Schmidt, of Philadelphia; Treasurer, Anton C. Hupfel, of New York; and Secretary, Hugh Fox, of New York.

## GREAT NEW DRY DOCK

NORFOLK, VA.—Special.—That the Navy Department has in contemplation the erection of a new dry dock at the Norfolk yard, to cost \$7,500,000, and to be large enough to float any battleship that will be built for the next two decades, and that the recent visit of Assistant Secretary Winslow to the yard was in part to consider the advisability of such a dry dock, leaked out unofficially here.

It is said that the tentative plans call for the largest structure of the kind at any of the government yards. The dock will be of stone and cement, with all the latest improvements. The recent acquiring of additional ground at the navy yard is understood to be for this special purpose.

The construction of the dry dock will be included in the next recommendations of the department, and there is also a probability that the present plans will be broadened in scope, increasing the cost to between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000. The building of the larger battleships, two of which are now near completion, is said to necessitate such a dry dock.



This is a picture of the morganatic wife of King Leopold of Belgium. She was Caroline Liekecht, daughter of a French janitor. She was well known as Madame Leopold Saxe-Coburg. King Leopold has created her Baroness de Vaughan.

## VETERAN HOSTS SEIZE MEMPHIS

Entire City United to Do Honor to Aged Defenders of the South—Streets Brilliantly Decorated.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Special.—With the stars and bars and the star-spangled banner flapping amicably in the soft breeze of a typical Southern day, with pictures of Southern heroes aligned with those who fought for the North, with the streets filled with thousands of visitors, with here and there through the throng the soft gray and gold of the cause that millions revere, the reunion of Confederate Veterans began on Monday.

The formal program did not open until Tuesday, but all day long special and regular trains puffed noisily into the Bluff City of Tennessee and disembarked their passengers. The hotels, taxed to their capacity, have utilized every spare inch of their space, and halls and corridors are filled with narrow cots upon which repose good-natured but enthusiastic visitors to the reunion. From every store and office and private residence are strung the national and Southern colors. The stars and bars, and the united country's flag float side by side on every hand. Big signs tell of State department and division headquarters. Uniformed and courteous guides are at the service of visitors, and even to look in doubt means a polite offer of assistance from both men and women, who wear the badge, "I Live Here—Ask Me."

There probably never has been a Confederate reunion at which the arrangements have been more complete, or the details more ably worked out. It is almost impossible to walk through Memphis without hearing some one inquire, "Are you a visitor?"

## CHRISTIANS IN DANGER IN ALBANIA

ROME.—Special.—The Mohammedan population of Albania but awaits a signal to rise and massacre the Christians and adherents of the Young Turks, according to Albanian refugees who have fled to Rome to escape what they declare will be death for their co-religionists who have remained in the province. Insurrection is general throughout Albania, they say, and the Moslems are daily being further inflamed by the punishments meted out to those of their faith who inspired and executed the massacres in and around the Adana district.

Several European schools in the province are said to have been closed by the threatening attitude of the Mohammedans, who, the refugees declare, have been goaded to frenzy by reports of the liberal attitude of the new Turkish Government toward unbelievers, and are being called upon by the more fanatical of their leaders to purge their land of "infidel dogs and bid defiance to a government which promises social and religious equality to the despised Jews.

## BIG WASHOUTS ON THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—Special.—Following a heavy rainfall for the last eighteen hours bad washouts are reported on the Southern Railway between Spartanburg and Asheville, and the passenger trains on that division are now reported six hours out schedule.

The largest washout is between Tryson and Landrum, twenty-four miles west of here. All of the streams in this section are much swollen, and there is fear of a repetition of the floods of last August, when great damage was done.

All trains out of here are given orders to run slowly.

paratively few owners of timber lands, and

Voted to tax a majority of their constituents for the benefit of a minority of those constituents.

## MOB IGNORES GOVERNOR.

FRANKFORT, KY.—Special.—In full view of the Governor's mansion a mob on Monday strung John Maxey, a negro, to the St. Clair Street Bridge, and after riddling his body with bullets, left it hanging in sight of a large crowd. After being prevented from creeping beneath a flap of the tent, Maxey last night shot and seriously wounded B. G. Boxer, superintendent of laborers for a circus. The shooting caused a panic in the circus crowd.

The household of Governor Wilson was awakened by the shouts of the mob and by the shots. At 12:30 A. M., when the mansion was communicated with by telephone, it was said there that the Governor knew nothing of the affair, and surprise was expressed that the executive should be bothered about a "purely local affair."

## ROBBED HUSBANDS

GRAVE OF FLOWERS

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Special.—Hostility toward her husband during his life is said to have prompted Mrs. Sarah Richman's alleged act of stealing the flowers from his grave and using them for decorative purposes.

She was arrested and when confronted with the accusation merely remarked:

"That's no place for flowers." The charge was made by her brother-in-law, Carl Ferguson, who stated he planted the flowers on the grave Decoration Day and missed them the following day when he went to the cemetery.

Passing Mr. Richman's house on the way home he saw them in a vase on the front porch.

Mrs. Richman was released on bond.

## BURGLARS OVERTOOK \$50,000

NEWPORT, KY.—Special.—Burglars with hydrozincine blew open two safes in the postoffice early Wednesday morning. Residents in the vicinity poked their heads out of windows, but went back to bed again, thinking the noise was made by blasting. The burglars, however, saw the heads from many windows and fled.

Postoffice clerks found behind a thin inside steel partition in one of the safes \$50,000 in cash, which had not been disturbed.

So far as Federal health statistics extend, they indicate that the death rate among negroes is 30.2 per 10,000, while among whites it is 17.3 per 10,000.

During 1908 more than three-fifths of the material removed since the United States took hold of the work was taken out of the route of the Panama Canal.

## NEXT HOUSE DEMOCRATIC

Says Democrats Must Start at Once to Select Candidates for Congress.

Upon This Depends Success of Party in 1912.

LINCOLN, NEB.—Special.—Declaring the time ripe to begin preparing for the campaign of 1912, William J. Bryan, in the next issue of his Commoner, admonishes Democrats everywhere to be on their guard and cast out of the party those whom he accuses of treachery to the party.

The next national House, Mr. Bryan says, must be Democratic, and he continues:

"Democratic voters, you cannot begin too soon to select candidates for Congress. In about a year the campaign will be on, and upon that campaign will largely depend the hope of the party in 1912. Let those Democrats who believe in pure and undiluted Democracy get together in each district and pick out a Democrat who cannot be bought or frightened. The trusts have stealthily secured control of some of the congressmen who were selected as Democrats, and they will have the influence of the trusts in securing a renomination. The trusts can very well afford to put up the campaign fund if they can control the congressmen after election. The Steel Trust, for instance, could put \$1,000,000 into the congressional campaign without missing it (and it is only one of many trusts) and \$1,000,000 would supply 100 candidates with \$10,000 apiece, or 200 candidates with \$5,000 apiece."

"When you see that a congressional candidate has money to spend, find out where he is getting it. Take it for granted that he cannot get money from a predatory corporation without a promise, expressed or implied, and that he will pay the corporation back out of the pockets of the people. We can better afford to have Republicans in Congress than Republicans' Democrats; we can criticize Republicans and make capital out of their subservience to the trusts, but when a Democrat becomes a representative of the trusts, his sins have to be borne by his party. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Look up the record of your congressman and hold him to strict accountability. When a congressman forgets his constituents, he forfeits his right to their support."

"If he votes with the trusts ignorantly, he is too ignorant to be a congressman; if he votes with the trusts intentionally, he is not fit to be a congressman."

Singling out those Democrats who voted for duty on lumber, Mr. Bryan thus attacks them: "The Democrats who voted against free lumber have—Voted to repudiate the national platform of the Democratic party; Voted to encourage the destruction of our forests; Voted to raise the price of one of the chief necessities of life; Voted to tax a material that enters into a multitude of industries and thus to place an unnecessary burden upon these industries; Voted to tax the people of the whole country for the benefit of a com-

## ROOSEVELT SHOOTING

MONKEYS NEAR KIJARE

KIJARE, BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—Special.—The Roosevelt party has started out from camp to visit the local station of the Africa Inland Mission, an American organization. The party will take luncheon with the missionaries. This morning Mr. Roosevelt spent some time shooting monkeys.

R. J. Cunningham, the manager of the expedition, and L. A. Tarleton, of Nairobi, will stay at camp today, completing the preparations to start on the trip into the country. To reach this territory the party will have to travel two days without meeting water.

## NEW YORK POST IS SUED BY CHALONER

MASTER OF "THE MERRY MILLS" DEMANDS \$100,000 DAMAGES FOR ALLEGED LIBEL.

## OUTGROWTH OF KILLING

Reverts Words "Latest Prominent Assassin" and Believes Use Will Injure His Interests in Litigation for Recovery of Property Now in Courts.

COBBHAM, VA.—Special.—So strongly does John Armstrong Chaloner resent being called "the latest prominent assassin," and so firm is his belief that the characterization will prove detrimental to his interests in litigation now pending, that he has entered suit for damages in the sum of \$100,000 against the New York Evening Post, the journal which made use of the offensive term. The suit has been filed in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, and the papers have been served on the defendant company. The suit was filed through Frederick A. Ware, attorney for Mr. Chaloner.

The action against the post is the outgrowth of the killing by Chaloner in his home, The Merry Mills, at Cobham, of John Gillard while the latter was engaged in an assault on his wife and Mr. Chaloner. That killing took place on the evening of March 15, and Mr. Chaloner was fully exonerated by the jury, it being clearly established that the killing was in self-defense, and that Gillard, enraged was making an unprovoked and murderous assault on the woman whom Mr. Chaloner sought to defend. In commenting on the killing and the subsequent developments, the Post said:

"The latest prominent assassin had the rare foresight to have himself declared insane before he shot his man."

This paragraph refers to the action of the courts of New York, in which Mr. Chaloner was declared to be of unsound mind, although since that time the courts of Virginia have pronounced him mentally competent, and it is on this paragraph that the suit for damages for libel is based.

Mr. Chaloner's Bill. In his bill of allegations Mr. Chaloner sets out that he is a citizen of the State of North Carolina, and now resides in Roanoke Rapids; that he is engaged in literary work and in connection therewith he maintains a library and residential property at Cobham, in Virginia; that he is a person of full age, sane mind and competent to manage his person and estate.

The bill further sets out that this plaintiff is a well-known and highly respected citizen of the United States, is one of the leading art patrons therein, is a member of the bar of the State of New York, and is a member of one of the leading families of the United States, of high social standing.

The New York Suit.

It is alleged that in or about the month of May, 1899, a proceeding entitled "In the matter of John Armstrong Chaloner, an alleged incompetent person" was instituted in the Supreme Court of the State of New York by Winthrop Aator Chanler and Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler as petitioners, against this plaintiff for the purpose of having him judged a lunatic and a person of unsound mind and incapable of managing his person and property; that thereafter an order was made and entered by the court dated June 23, 1899, by which it was adjudged, among other things, that this plaintiff was a lunatic, and was a person of unsound mind and incapable of managing his person and property; that subsequently a further order, dated November 19, 1901, was made in the proceeding, and that by virtue thereof Thomas T. Sherman wrongfully and illegally claiming to be thereto authorized, unlawfully took, collected and received, without the consent or authority of this plaintiff, certain property belonging to this plaintiff, and that Thomas T. Sherman still retains possession of the same; that the orders of June 23, 1899, and November 19, 1901, are absolutely null and void, and in no wise binding upon the plaintiff; that the proceeding was instituted and prosecuted without the consent and against the protest of this plaintiff and without due notice to him; that thereafter and in or about the month of April, 1904, this plaintiff commenced an action in this court against Thomas T. Sherman to have the orders declared null and void, and to recover certain of this plaintiff's property in the possession of Sherman, and that the action is now pending in this court undetermined.

Killing of Gillard.

In or about the month of September, 1901, the bill continues, a proceeding was instituted in a court of record in the county of Albemarle, in the State of Virginia, wherein the petitioner, C. Ruffin Randolph, prays for an investigation into the sanity of this plaintiff, and the court found the plaintiff to be sane and capable of taking care of his person and managing his estate.

On or about March 15, 1902, at the plaintiff's place at Cobham, while he was endeavoring to prevent John Gillard from assaulting and injuring his wife, Gillard was accidentally shot and killed; that thereafter an inquiry was had before a coroner's jury at Cobham and after a proper hearing the jury found that Gillard came to his death by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of himself and of the plaintiff.

Alleged Libel.

Upon information, it is alleged, on March 18, 1903, the defendant, well knowing the facts, and that the plaintiff deservedly enjoyed the respect and esteem of his neighbors, associates and friends, and of the community generally, and well knowing the prejudicial effect of the publication of the article upon the action brought by Chaloner against Thomas T. Sherman, did falsely and maliciously publish in its said newspaper, "The Evening Post," the article of and concerning this plaintiff.

